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Dr. Trudi Bellardo Hahn Comes to NCLIS National Commission Introduces Interim Executive Director

Washington, DC USA, October 15, 2004 – The U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) today announced that Dr. Trudi Bellardo Hahn has been hired to be the Interim Executive Director for the Commission.



Dr. Hahn, formerly Manager of Library User Education Services and Adjunct Professor at the College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland, has held prior positions as training specialist with the Maryland State Department of Education, Director of Professional Development for the Special Libraries Association, Associate Professor at Catholic University, and Assistant Professor and Data Services Librarian at the University of Kentucky.

She received a Ph.D. in Information Systems from Drexel University, and an M.S.L.S. and a B.A. in Linguistics from the University of Kentucky. Well known and respected in the library and information services profession, Dr. Hahn has served as a faculty member in three graduate LIS programs, designing and delivering courses in information storage and retrieval, indexing and abstracting, reference services, online information retrieval, information use, user instruction, organization of print and electronic documents, research methods, and libraries in the social process. As an educator, Dr. Hahn's dedication to the highest standards in teaching was recognized in 2002 when she was named a Fellow of the University of Maryland Academy for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

As the 2003 President of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIST), Dr. Hahn provided leadership in several important accomplishments for the society. She spearheaded an ASIST membership survey, initiated a complete redesign of the ASIST Web site, led progress on an ASIST digital library, initiated a review of all membership categories and dues structure, and implemented many changes in annual conference format and special events. She also established good relationships with a

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wide variety of other professional associations, agencies, and organizations, relationships she expects to continue and expand upon in her role as the Interim Executive Director for NCLIS.

As an author, Dr. Hahn has received much acclaim for the numerous books, articles, and conference papers she has authored. Her latest book, written with Charles Bourne, is *A History of Online Information Services, 1963-1976*, about which one reviewer commented, "Whatever the verdict for the history of online information systems, the Charles Bourne and Trudi Bellardo Hahn book will retain its landmark status." With respect to the book, word has just been received that Dr. Hahn and Charles Bourne have been recognized with the ASIST Best Information Science Book Award, to be presented at the ASIST Annual Meeting in November.

Beth Fitzsimmons, the Commission's Chairperson, welcomed Dr. Hahn to NCLIS and spoke about her background. "The Commission is charged with addressing the library and information needs of the American people," Dr. Fitzsimmons, of Ann Arbor, MI, said. "Trudi Bellardo Hahn possesses the exact combination of qualities that will enable NCLIS to do just that. Her understanding and her love for the profession of librarianship, and her expertise in information systems and management – together with the esteem in which she is held by her professional colleagues – mean that we at the Commission will be working with the highest standards of excellence as we seek to achieve the Commission's goals. All of the Commissioners join me in welcoming Dr. Hahn, and we look forward to working together."

Dr. Hahn begins her work with NCLIS on November 1.

About NCLIS

The United States National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) is a permanent, independent agency of the federal government charged by Public Law 91-345 to advise the president and Congress on national and international library and information policies, to appraise and assess the adequacies and deficiencies of library and information resources and services, and to develop overall plans for meeting national library and information needs.

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